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TUESDAY, - - - APRIL 9, 1895 THE MORAL WAVE. The moral wave that started in New have about arrived at the conclusion York city from the organization of the that anything that taxes the very wealthy Lexow committee has swept across the is unconstitutional. They do not undercontinent, and broke upon the shores of stand those nice distinctions of the law the Pacific with a rush not equaled else- that permits the food and raiment of the where in its course. Portland has it poor man to be taxed, while the rich bad. If it would lead to anything in the man's income and money is sacred from shape of a better execution of the laws, the polluting touch of the tax gatherer. every good citizen would wish it more Between a democratic congress, an Orepower to its elbow. But it will not do gon legislature and the United States this. History repeats itself and the his- supreme court, the seed of populism is tory of reform waves, similar to this one being sowed broadcast. The harvest do not indicate for it any great length of will be more thistles than figs, and more existence. Epidemics of morals run trouble than prosperity. their course just as epidemics of measles or whooping cough, leaving the patient a memory only of what was. The trouble with the moral wave is that it is generaly started in good faith, but as it works along it becomes befouled from contact with the debris which it meets and the great, broad American mind begins to use its power for its financial betterment. The history of great cities of all of them, shows that the laws are not enforced concerning gambling and some other offenses, simply because the officers appointed to execute the law find it more profitable to imitate the goddess of justice by being blind. There is more money for them in not arresting offenders than in performing their duty, since they draw pay from the city for doing what they are yet better paid to leave undone. The moral wave makes its influence delt first on these officers, because the fear of losing their jobs compels them to become suddenly virtuous enough to do their duty. They are moved the more easily to this course by the fact that the aforesaid wave suddenly throws all its profits on the side of morality. The hunted hare must hide from the hounds, and vice for the moment driven from cover, ceases its practices, and consequently shuts off the fees it has paid for protection. The police force of the large cities then finding virtue profitable, first endure and then embrace. The jingling fee comes in a golden shower, until for yery lack of material to work upon the moral wave ebbs, vice that has been in hiding peeps timerously out, and seeks its old haunts. It finds the same old guardians of the peace on hand and ready for another dicker, which is soon made. By imperceptible degrees the dice and the poker-deck find their way to the tables; the hand-painted disciples of Baal repair their erstwhile deserted temples and the devotees gather to their old highplaces. In the meanwhile virtue, satisfied, with her spasmodic sweep of the field, hunts her sleepy hollow, and takes a Rip-Van-Winkle nap. The moral wave having spent its force, recedes and is quiescent, until things have come to such a pass that the public is aroused in Rose Hill Greenhouse, Eighth and Linsome city, virtue gets out her reform coln street. Orders can be left at Mrs. wave, and the farce is acted over again. Phillips' millinery store, on Washington The moral wave is simply the result of street, between Second and Third. tf. an acute attack of spasmodic virtue. It accomplishes good, temporarily, but not permanently because public virtue is always spasmodic. On the other hand instruments placed and who desire televice is like interest on a morgage-it never sleeps, never tires, never quits. A gangrene or the body politic, it eats little by little into the healthy flesh and leaves putridity and death behind it. The present wave will be no exception, and pity 'tis 'tis true. The "Open Door" will grow tiresome and the wherewithal of maintaining homes of refuge will be wanting. Besides those who have been or are sheltered in these places grow weary. They hunger for the excitement the abandon of the wild life they have led, as the morphine fiend for his dope, or the besotted unfortunate for his drink. There is no Keeley cure for vice, and sooner or later nine tenths, aye ninetynine one hundreths of the brands plucked from the burning will find their way back to the are. Facilis descensus Averno, is as true and trite a statement now as when Virgil penned it, and "to draw back the footsteps this is a work this is a labor" just as hard as it was 2,000 years ago. There is no grander work than the reformation of the fallen, and none requiring so much work for so meagre results. The woman of Baby lon knows not the way out of her city. She is lost, swallowed up in its mazes. The bridges are burned behind her. The "Open Door" permits her to be an object of pity, but it cannot open for her the way to respect. It is a wicked, a cruel and unjust law of civilization that IDTADES the woman is punished forever for what

the man is forgiven. It is monstrous,

but it is the sociel flat just the same.

change it. The ethiopian cannot change his skin or the leopard his spots and they who are accustomed to doing evil are like unto them.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that the income tax law is unconstitutional, in so far as it taxes incomes from rents and municipal bonds. The court holds that taxing such incomes is indirectly taxing the lands, and this the government is forbidden by the constitution to do. This may be good law, but it is certainly neither good sense nor good policy just now. The great mass of the people



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JAS. F. MOORE, Register.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the last will and testament of John Baxter, deceased, have filed their final report and account in said estate and that Monday, the 6th day of May, 1895, at 10 o clock, a. m., of said day, has been affixed by the honorable county court of the State of Oregon, for Wasco county, as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and report, if any there be.

All persons interested in said estate are notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any, why said report and account should not be in all things approved and allowed and an order remade discharging said executors from further liability by reason of their said trust.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1895.

JAMES WHITTEN,

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Executors of the estate of John Baxter, deceased

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